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ICE'S KROME DETENTION CENTER ACHIEVES ACCREDITATION

Facility's staff earns 99.4% passing score under national standards program

MIAMI – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced today that the Krome Detention Center here has earned accreditation from the American Correctional Association with a 99.4 percent passing score.

To be accredited by the association, facilities must earn a 90 percent passing score through audit of 41 mandatory standards and 366 recommended non-mandatory standards that conform to ACA professional practices.

"I am very pleased with the ACA accreditation and I appreciate the dedication and diligence of the entire staff who worked so hard to make this accreditation possible," said Field Office Director Michael Rozos, who leads detention and removal operations in Florida. "This shows that we are committed to providing detainees, the staff and the community a safe and healthy facility that exceeds widely accepted standards."

The accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national standards that have evolved since the founding of the ACA in 1870. These standards were developed by leaders in the field of corrections and include experts in law, architecture, and health care groups interested in sound correctional management.

ACA accreditation addresses services, programs, and operations essential to effective correctional management. Through accreditation, an agency is able to maintain a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health, and safety of staff and detainees. Standards set by the ACA reflect practical up-to-date policies and procedures and function as a management tool for agencies and facilities throughout the world.

The three-year accreditation award granted to the Krome Processing Center does not signal the end of the staff's intent to improve. During the award period, the staff will work to improve upon any

areas that may have detracted from a greater audit score. They will also maintain continuous compliance with the standards.

The United States Public Health Service- Krome holds two medical accreditations. When coupled with the American Correctional Association's accreditation, this places Krome at the highest possible level for accreditation.

The Krome Detention Center first opened in 1981. The center is for the detention of both criminal and non-criminal aliens and has an operational capacity of approximately 580 adult males. Krome employs approximately 200 ICE staff and 200 contract employees.

The facility operates under ICE detention standards that were jointly drafted with the American Bar Association. Additionally, ICE detention facilities are subject to regular visits by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

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